PERSONALS

Mrs. L. L. Gayle will spend Christmas with relatives in Richmond.

Mrs. Ella Hatcher spent the week-end in Lynchburg with her son.

Miss Mildred McDearmon, of Columbia, S. C., is spending the holidays at her home here.

Pfc. Jim Woody, of Washington D. C., is spending the holidays at his home here.

Mrs. Lester B. Harvey and Mrs. H. P. Davis are spending the holidays in Richmond.

Mrs. J. R. Shuford spent Saturday in Richmond with her daughter Gwen.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Lawson and son, Steve, of Richmond are spending the holidays here with relatives.

Miss Gwen Shuford, of M. C. V. arrived Wednesday P. M. to spend Christmas at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Winters left Wednesday to visit friends and relatives in York and Lancaster, Pa.

We welcome the many college students who are home for Christmas.

Marty LeGrand, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hunter LeGrand, is recovering from a recent illness.

Edwin S. Barron, of Arlington, will arrive tonight to spend Christmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Doss.

Mrs. W. P. Lawrence and two sons, Billy and Jimmy, of Lynchburg spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Burke will spend Christmas Day in Brookneal with Mr. and Mrs. Douglass Williams, Jr.

Dabney Williams, of Brookneal, spent several days this week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Burke.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Burke, Jr. and daughters, Pam, Abbie and Jane, of Richmond will spend the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Burke.

Mrs. Charles Seay and son, Mike have returned from a visit with her mother, Mrs. Abdo Millerhan, of Roanoke.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cawthorn and son, H. G., of Falls Church, will spend Christmas here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cawthorn.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Floyd Burke, III, of Lynchburg, have announced the birth of a daughter Leigh, born Thursday, Dec. 16, at Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Robinson and daughter and son, Betty Dale and Richard; and Mrs. J. C. Davidson will spend Christmas Day in Richmond with Mr. Robinson's sister, Mrs. Davila.

Mrs. W. J. LeGrand has received word that her brother, Dr. W. A. Drinkard, Jr., is a patient in the Rex Hospital, Raleigh, N. C. We wish for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Carter, of Norfolk, and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred LeGrand, of Chase City, and Miss Anne LeGrand, of Lynchburg, will spend Christmas here with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. LeGrand.

Mr. and Mrs. Shafter Drinkard, of Walnut Shade Farm, will have as their guests for the Christmas holidays Mrs. Drinkard's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer W. White, of Wilmington, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Templeton and son, Bill, will move to Arlington, Va. Tuesday, Dec. 28, where they will make their home at 4106 N. 4th St. Mr. Templetin has accepted a position as Construction Superintendent for Arlington Light Steel Company.

Dinner guests Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Franklin and sons were Mr. and Mrs. Claude Jennings and daughter, Claudine Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Wootten, of Spout Spring; Mr. and Mrs. William Layne, Jr., of Lynchburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Moore, Jr., of Gladstone.

Miss Barbara Scott James and Fleet James, of Tallahassee, Fla., are spending the holidays here with their grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. C. F. James. The James' entertained at a buffet dinner and theatre party last evening in their honor. Guests included: Emily Wood Burke Mary Anna McDearmon, Penny and Peyton Abbitt, Joan Beamer, Kitty Vaughn Wood, Carol Faye Couch, Virginia Shouse, Dabney Williams, Brod Pack, Byran Thomas, Billy Silio, Charles Gills, Charles Crawley, Bill Caldwell Richard Robinson, Frank Leigh Burke, John Evans and Steve Runke.

Y. W. A. MEETING

The Hazel Moon Y .W. A. of the Spout Spring Baptist Church held its regular monthly meeting Dec. 18 with Mrs. Eunice Simms, in the home of Mrs. Sadie Covington, of Vera. There were eleven members present. An interesting Christmas program was given. The next meeting will be held on January 21, at 7:30 in the home of Miss Claudine Jennings.

FIRE HOUSE PAINTED

The Appomattox Town Fire Engine Building has received a coating of white paint—in time for the Christmas season. Town workmen did the painting last week. The fire house is of cinder block construction, located on Railroad St.

A. H. S. basketball teams to play alumni teams tonight in the new gymnasium here.

Wins $900 Mink Stole

Mrs. George Roland Kauffman is shown above wearing the Ranch Mink Stole which was the Door Prize of the recent Fashion Show staged by the Ent Air Forces Wive's Club. Lt. Colonel Kauffman held the winning ticket for this beautiful fur from Stainsky's of Colorado Springs, valued at nine hundred dollars.

Mrs. Kauffman will be remembered here as Miss Edith Robertson, of Spout Springs and Appomattox.

Peterson--Flood

Mrs. Robert James Shores, of Washington, D. C., announces the marriage of her daughter, Mrs. Marie Medora Peterson, to Mr. Bolling Byrd Flood, son of Mrs. Flood and the late Representative Henry DeLaWarr Flood. The ceremony was performed December 1st in the Trinity Presbyterian Church in Arlington, the pastor, the Reverend Dr. Foster, officiating in the presence of only the members of the two immediate families.

Mr. and Mrs. Flood will live in Washington. The latter is the daughter of the late Reverend Mr. Shores, former rector of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in Washington. Her grandfather, the late Admiral David Smith is familiarly known as the father of engineering in the Navy.

Mrs. Flood attended Gunston Hall School and was graduated from George Washington University. Mr. Flood attended the Virginia Episcopal School and the University of Virginia, and is a member of the Society of the Cincinnati and of the Metropolitan and Chevy Chase Clubs.

French vote today on permitting limited rearming of Germany.

GARDEN CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Appomattox Garden Club will hold its annual Christmas party at 6:45 Monday night, in the American Legion Hall. This will be a covered dish supper, and each member will bring her husband or guests.

MISS EASLEY SHUFORD HAS RECITAL PARTIES

On December 11th, Miss Easley Shuford entertained with a Christmas recital party at the Methodist Church for her Appomattox piano seudents. The Christmas motif was carried out in party decorations and refreshments. During the afternoon each student played piano selections.

Miss Shuford entertained on December 18th at her home for her group of students from the Vera school. Likewise, the Christmas theme was carried out in music, decorations and refreshments.

A. H. S. LOST GAME

Appomattox High School lost to Brookville, 61-27, in a league basketball game last night.

Dial 2811 with Personals.

Dyess--Jennings

OVER 500 HERE LAST SATURDAY TO SEE SANTA

Approximately 500 children came to Appomattox last Saturday afternoon to see Santa Claus. Sponsored by the Lions, Santa came into town on a beautifully decorated float, riding in a sleigh.

Santa brough candy gifts for all his small friends.

Post office and banks will close Saturday for holiday.

Many college students are home for the holidays.

Appomattox Lions Club to meet tonight at 6:45.

Schools are closed for the holidays.

Local merchants have been highly pleased at the volume of this year's holiday trade. Buying has been especially brisk all this week. Many local business places will remain open later than usual tonight in order to serve their customers.

The peak volume has been passed at the post office, where Christmas mailings have been unusually heavy.

CHRISTMAS PLAY

A Christmas Play, entitled, "No Room In The Hotel," will be presented at the Rocks Baptist Church Sunday night, Dec. 26, at 7:30.

Too Late for Classified Page

FOR SALE: Singer Sewing Machine, in good condition. $25.00. Mrs. Thomas C. Harvey, Sr., Rt. 3, Box 183, Appomattox, Va. (1tc)

FOR SALE: Apartment size piano —$150.00. Ladies Grey Suit, size 20. Two evening dresses, size 12. Mrs. Flora Stanley, Appomattox, Va. Phone 3314 (1tc)

FOR RENT: Two room apartment. Mrs. Flora Stanley, Appomattox, Va. Phone 3314 (1tc)

The marriage of Miss Mar[y] ces Jennings, daughter of M[r. and] Mrs. Granville Parks Jenn[ings of] Appomattox, Virginia, to Monroe Dyess, of Mobile, A[la.,] son of Mr. and Mrs. Rat[cliff Mon]roe Dyess, of Robertsdale, [Ala.,] took place at 5:00 P. M. [Wednes]day, December 22 at the Baptist Church, Appomattox ty. The Rev. Floy W. Cox officiated, assisted by Charles E. Spain, of Robe[rtsdale].

The church was decorated lighted tapers and candelabra filled with white gladioli, dragons, chrysanthemums sonal greenery.

Mrs. Charles Spain, of dale, sister of the bride, at the piano, and Mrs. Tho... nings, of Bedford, was so[loist].

The bride wore a gown satin with a sweetheart fitted bodice and full train length veil of illusion fell tiara of seed pearls. She white Bible with an orchid phanotis.

Miss Thelma Smith, of was maid of honor. She wo[re a] length gown of mauve cr... with a wide collored scoop line and gathered skirt. ... ried green palmetto fans w... designs in shaded pink.

The bride's maids were M... Dunbar, of Robertsdale, ... the groom, and Mrs. Geo... nings, of Kinston, North ... They wore identical dresses quoise crystalette and carried tical floral designs.

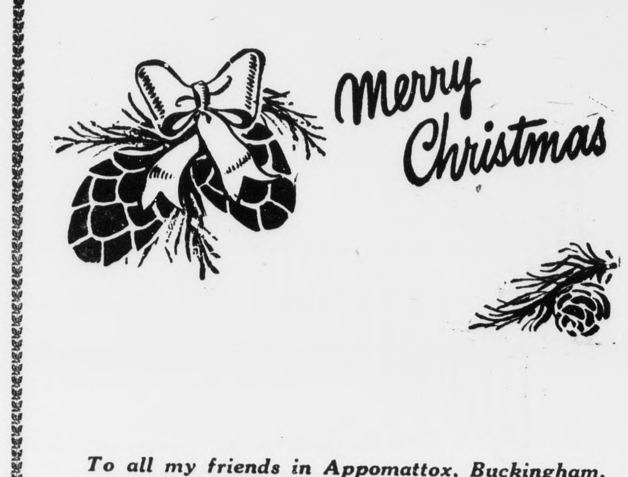
The ring bearer was Nan... Jennings, of Kinston, North ...lina, and the flower girl was ... Spain, of Robertsdale. They dresses of aqua crystalette similarly to the other att... Both are nieces of the brid[e].

The best man was Irvin D... Robertsdale, brother of the and the ushers were Dr. Jennings, of Bedford, and Jennings, of Kinston, North ...lina, brothers of the bride.

A reception was given home of the bride.

The couple will make their in Mobile, Alabama.

Appomattox is a growing t[own]



To all my friends in Appomattox, Buckingham, Charlotte and Cumberland Counties I extend my best wishes for a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a

PEACEFUL NEW YEAR

C. T. Moses

Appomattox, Virginia

Our Greetings to You for The

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With our Yuletide greetings go our heartfelt thanks for your patronage of the past—for your continued patronage in the future.

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Appomattox, Virginia

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TANGERINES	Doz.	.29
CHOW ORANGES	Doz.	.29
FLORIDA ORANGES	2 Doz.	.49
ORANGES — 5 Lb. Christmas Bag		.31
ORANGES, 8 Lb. Christmas Bag		.43
TANGLOWS	Doz.	.79
PINK GRAPEFRUIT	4 for	.39
FANCY CALIFORNIA GRAPEFRUIT,	4 for	.25
FLORIDA GRAPEFRUIT	4 for	.25
GRAPEFRUIT	8 Lb. Bag for	.43
WHITE & RED GRAPES	2 Lbs.	.47
FRESH DRESSED TURKEYS	Lb.	.55 to .69
FROZEN TURKEYS	Lb.	.55 to .63
FRESH DRESSED HENS	Lb.	.45
GREEN HILL HAMS AND PICNICS		
SWIFT PREMIUM HAMS AND PICNICS — Fully Cooked		
FRESH HAMS	Lb.	.59

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Appomattox Rates Well In School Effort

Father Darkleaf

By c. h. r.

[ALO]NG WITH ALEXANDER

[A] fellow can never know when [a] trivial act of his is going to [make] history. Maybe it's nothing [more] than parking his car on the [street] somewhere, and bingo! he [is] brought for the ages.

[Jame]s L. Wilmeth, a living [examp]le of the above truths, [though]t nothing of it when he park[ed his] automobile in front of the [Unite]d States Treasury in Wash[ington] one day 40 years ago. While [his] old buggy was sitting there, [some]one snapped a picture of the [Treasu]ry Building, with the Wil[meth] Ford parked alongside. Years [later] that picture was exhumed and [put on] the $10 bill, where it is lo[cated] at about the same point on [the ba]ck as Mr. Hamilton's cravat [in] front.

[The] story came out only a few [days] ago. A second cousin of Mr. [Wilmet]h (Mr. W. now lives near [Phila]delphia) works in the classified [advertis]ing department of the Mem[phis] Commercial Appear. And as [a] newspaper says with rare in[sight,] "You can't go around being [a] second cousin of a man whose [car i]s on a $10 bill without people [eventu]ally finding out about it."

[And] so Mr. Wilmeth, by no more [than] scooting up to the curb and [turnin]g off the engine, parked in a [niche] in history—maybe a small [one, b]ut who's to say it is obscure [when] it's right there back of Alex[ander] Hamilton?— St. Louis Post-[Dispatc]h.

[The] Times-Virginian sees more to [the ab]ove story than the St. Louis [Post-D]ispatch editorial reprinted [above.] We think the Post-Dispatch [missed] the point in the interesting [story] of the picture on the reverse [of] a $10 bill. By means which [we do] not care to divulge, we have [obtain]ed temporary possession of a [$10 bi]ll. The Post-Dispatch is right. [It] is the ancient automobile, op[posite] side of the bill from Alexan[der Ha]milton. But unless our vision [is wor]se than we believe, the car [is] parked at the curb. Accord[ing to] our estimate, the car is park[ed som]e eight to ten feet out into [the str]eet from the curb. And we [may s]ay that Mr. Wilmeth did not [get a] parking ticket, nor did he [have to] hasten through his business [to put] a coin in a meter before he [was pe]nalized by the law. Nor did [he hav]e to worry about bumping [anyone] in making his departure. [There] are a few pedestrians along [the side]walk, but not another car [in sigh]t. Gee—Mr. Wilmeth should [try to] find a parking spot today in [Washin]gton, or anyplace else. He [must] yearn for the happy days of [40] years ago when you could [have y]our car parked ten feet out [into] the middle of the street in [Washin]gton and go about your bus[iness.] We say that not even what [you can] buy with a $10 bill compar[ed to] 40 years ago, is as amazing [as the] fabulous change in parking.

[The] following is contributed by a ...

[Recip]e For A Happy New Year

[Take] twelve fine, full-grown [months,] see that these are thorough[ly free] from all old memories of [bitterne]ss, rancor, hate and jealousy; [cleanse] them completely from every [clinging] spite; pick off all specks of [pettiness] and littleness; in short, see [that these] months are freed from all [the past]—have them as fresh and [clean as] when they first came from [the great] storehouse of Time.

[Cut] these months into thirty or [thirty-one] equal parts. Do not at[tempt to] make up the whole batch [at one] time (so many persons spoil [the] lot in this way), but [prepare] one day at a time as fol[lows:]

[Into] each day put equal parts of [faith,] patience, courage, work [(some] people omit this ingredient [and so] spoil the flavor of the rest), [hope, fi]delity, liberality, kindness, [rest (lea]ving this out is like leaving [the oil] out of the salad—don't do [it), pra]yer, meditation, and one [well-sel]ected resolution. Put in [about a] teaspoonful of good spirits, [a dash] of fun, a pinch of folly, a [sprinkl]ing of play, and a heaping [cupful] of good humor.

[Pour] love into the whole and mix [with a] vim. Cook thoroughly in a [fervent] heat; garnish with a few [smiles and] a sprig of joy; then serve [with qui]etness, unselfishness, and ...

1955 Secondary Road Work Reviewed by State Engineer

The secondary highway program for 1954 in Appomattox County was highlighted by the hard surfacing of about nine miles of farm-to-market roads, State Highway Resident Engineer H. W. Runkle said today. The county's paved secondary mileage now totals 91.44. There are 405.86 miles of secondary roads in the county.

Distributed on five separate routes, the longest sections hard surfaced were 1.8 miles on Route 635, 1.8 on Route 622, and 2.8 miles on the Lime Plant Road, Route 683.

Other improvements in the county included 10.5 miles of new bituminous surface treatment on worn paved roads, 2.1 miles of calcium chloride treatment south of Vera on Route 616 and about 20 curves superelevated on various roads for safer driving. Two weak bridges were eliminated by the installation of pipe culverts and two others were strengthened to 12-ton capacity.

The resident engineer said many improvements were made by regular highway forces who stabilized and strengthened weak sections of road, repaired bridges, and improved drainage in the general maintenance program for the county.

Primary highway improvements in Appomattox County included the relocation of Route 24 to bypass the McLean House, widening of Routes 460 and 131 at Appomattox, and resurfacing US Route 460 at Spout Spring.

CHANGES IN OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE

Miss Merle Reynolds has accepted a position with the Southside Area Vocational Agricultural Office located in Appomattox, of which Mr. William C. Dudley is Supervisor.

J. E. Crews, of Buckingham, is also working in this office, replacing A. E. Frymyer, who is studying towards a master's degree at V. P. I.

AHS Basketball Teams To Play Game Jan. 5

Appomattox High School basketball teams return to action Jan. 5, when the local teams play at Marshall District High School. A league game is scheduled here for Jan. 7 when the Blue Hornets meet Madison Heights. Last Thursday night alumni teams nosed out the A. H. S. boys and girls in two very close games. Two overtimes were necessary to decide the boys' game, by a lone point. Alumni girls were ahead by 3 points.

Garden Club Held Party

The annual Garden Club Party was held Monday night at the Legion Hall. Garden Club members their husbands and guests gathered for a covered dish supper and an evening of fun. Following the dinner, the men gave a demonstration on making flower arrangements in the masculine style. Mrs. Gregory gave a reading on "How Come Christmas," and Mrs. Carroll Smith gave an imitation of Liberace. The program closed with the singing of Christmas carols.

SCOUTS SOLD 50 CHRISTMAS TREES

Local Boy Scouts were well pleased with the success of their project of selling Christmas trees this year. It is understood that the Scouts sold approximately fifty trees. They wish to thank the landowners who gave the trees and the public for buying their trees through Scouts.

Pamplin HD Club Meeting

The Pamplin Home Demonstration Club held its regular meeting in the home of Mrs. J. A. Williams on Monday afternoon, December 20. The home was beautifully decorated, in keeping with the Christmas theme.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. R. K. Martin. Mrs. H. T. Terry gave the devotional, which was the Christmas Story.

Mrs. B. G. Anderson presented the Year Books, which were again sponsored by the Bank of Appomattox.

Mrs. F. M. Irving, vice president, was appointed Federation Goal Awards chairman.

Mrs. R. K. Martin told of Christmas customs in other lands.

Mrs. J. A. Williams and Mrs. Percy Lucado gave the demonstration on Teas and Receptions. Refreshments were in keeping with the theme.

Gifts were exchanged by members present. Mrs. L. N. Ligon presented Mrs. B. G. Anderson with a gift from the club in appreciation for her untiring loyalty and devotion.

FARMERS UNION TO MEET JAN. 4

A special meeting of the Appomattox County Farmers Union will be held at the court house here on January 4 at 7:30 P. M. The meeting will arrange the membership drive for 1955. Senator C. T. Moses will be present and will address the group.

Leaf Growers May Arrange Pre-Measure

Appomattox County tobacco growers may arrange for official premeasurement of their tobacco acreages in 1955, C. S. Rush, Chairman of Appomattox County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, announced this week.

To get this service, which is furnished on a cost basis, your request should be filed with the ASC office before January 31, 1955, Mr. Rush said. The rate to be charged for this service in Appomattox County is the larger of $5.00 per farm or $2.00 per farm plus $1.00 per acre or fraction thereof. The payment must be deposited at the time the application is filed.

This premeasurement is optional and is offered as a service to growers who want official measurements before planting time. The grower who obtains premeasurement service and plants within the premeasured area is assured of not having excess acreage at harvest time.

515 DRIVERS LOST PERMITS

Drivers' license suspensions under Virginia's second offender speed law went over the 500 mark in November for the second month in a row.

The Division of Motor Vehicles reported this week that 515 permits were taken up last month under the repeater statute. In October the figure reached a new peak of 563.

Another 594 permits were suspended by the courts, 507 of them for reckless driving and 71 for speeding.

NORMAN H. WELCH

Pamplin, Dec. 26.- Norman H. Welch, 71, died at 6:35 tonight at the home of his brother, Moses Pink Welch. He had been in declining health for several years.

Formerly superintendent of Cotton Mills, Spindale, N. C., he was born in Haywood County, N. C., Aug. 11, 1883. His brother is his only survivor. His wife was the late Ethel McCraw Welch, and his parents were the late James T. and Charity Ratcliff Welch.

Funeral services yere held Tuesday morning, Dec. 28, at Piney Ridge Methodist Church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. D. W. Persinger. Interment was made the following day in Spindale Cemetery, Spindale, N. C.

1954 Records One Traffic Death in Co.

With only hours left in the year Appomattox County has a record of only one highway death in 1954. It is hoped that that record will not be marred by additional road deaths.

The one highway death occurred on January 21, 1954, with Wyman Megginson as the victim.

The county record for 1953 was also one highway death.

Statewide, the 1954 record for traffic deaths is likely to end up well below 1953, with some 100 fewer deaths thus far.

NEW SERVICE STATION OPENS HERE SATURDAY

A new service station will open here this Saturday, when Grover Beasley, Jr. opens the new Cities Service Station at the intersection of Routes 460 and 131. This is a completely modern station. Mr. Beasley invites his friends to visit him at his new station.

LEGION AUXILIARY ACTIVITY CALENDAR

The American Legion Auxiliary community calendars have been received and are now on sale at 50c each. They may be purchased from members of the Auxiliary, or Mrs. C. T. Moses Jr. or Mrs. Ivey Holland. They contain listings of club meetings, birthdays, etc.

Farm Census Job Completed

Walter G. Andrews, Jr. tomorrow performs his final act as field supervisor for the 1954 Census of Agriculture by closing down the temporary office which was established at Richmond, Va. for taking the census. Farm census questionnaires collected are being shipped to Census headquarters for editing and tabulating. The results, when published, will present figures for counties states, regions, and the United States. The first of the preliminary reports covering each of the nation's 3,068 counties is expected to be published early next year.

In a final statement, the supervisor expressed his appreciation for the "splendid cooperation" he and his enumerators received from the farmers in the 42 counties in which he conducted the census.

An analysis released by the Virginia Education Association based on a study of the State Department of Education shows almost incredible variances in wealth and effort among the counties and cities of the state to support public education.

Arlington has nearly 6 times the true wealth taxable for school purposes behind each child in Buchanan County. The wealth per child for Arlington is $29,734, for Buchanan County $5,083. The average for all the counties is $12,116. The cities have nearly twice as much wealth per child as the counties. Average wealth per child in the cities is $22,425.

Because of its relatively great wealth, Arlington with a true tax rate of 79 cents per $100 raises $234 per child. Whereas, Grayson because of its relative lack of wealth with the same tax rate as Arlington raises only $66 per child.

The 5 counties shown to exert the greatest effort to support public education are Alleghany, Appomattox, Fairfax, Powhatan, and Prince George. The 6 counties exerting the least effort are Frederick, Highland, King and Queen, Loudoun, Warren, and Washington. If Washington Coutny were exerting as much effort as Wythe County both of which have about the same wealth per child, Washington County would have approximately an additional $220,000 in invest annually in public education.

The Virginia Education Association has long contended that a high percentage of state funds should be distributed in relation to local effort and ability. Such a system would encourage greater effort by those counties and cities which are dragging their feet. However, only around 20% of all state school funds are distributed with relation to ability and effort.

To qualify for these funds a true rate of only .45 is required. This is much behind the state average for the counties of .63. Alleghany County has a true rate, for example of $1.59.

As a matter of fact during 1953-54 only 11 counties and 3 cities had rate of .45 or less. The highest rates among the counties were Alleghany 1.59, Fairfax 1.09, Prince George .99, Powhatan .97, and Appomattox .94. Among the cities the highest rates were Williamsburg 1.10, Martinsville 1.00, Falls Church .89, Petersburg .88, and South Norfolk .84. The lowest rates among the counties were King & Queen .42, Washington .42, Loudoun .41 Frederick .40, Highland .40, and Warren .34. The lowest rates among the cities were Waynesboro .46, Winchester .46, Charlottesville .42 Staunton .40, and Virginia Beach .26.

If the .45 minimum rate for participation in certain state school funds should be appreciatively raised and the percentage of state funds distributed with reference to effort increased (1) state money would go further and (2) the burden of taxation would be more equitably borne among the counties and cities of the state.

COUNTY TO GET NEW ASSISTANT AGENT

It is understood that Mr. Wilkins, of South Boston, will arrive next week to begin duties as Assistant County Agent for this county.

He succeeds Mr. Delbert Whitehead as assistant to County Agent R. B. Hudgins.

Tobacco Still Chief Cash Crop

Tobacco was the top money crop in Virginia during 1954, with a value increase over 1953 of 34 per cent. Tobacco contributed $83,368,000 to farmer's income in the Old Dominion for 1954.

Actually, 1954 was a better crop year than 1953 in Virginia, but below 1952. The year now ending had a 12 per cent increase in value and 6 per cent tonnage increase over 1953. And that in spite a year of drougth and the visit of Hurricane Hazel. The overall value of crops in Virginia in 1954 was $301,136,000, as compared with a value last year of $267,935,000.

However, the extende[d dro]ug[ht] took a toll. The total ... was 8 per cent less than that of 1952, before the drough cycle began, and the total value was down 10 per cent from 1952.

1954 Year of Progress for Appomattox

Taps will sound tomorrow at midnight for the year 1954. As the final minutes were ticked off around the clock of Father Time, Appomattox could look back upon a year of steady economic advancement, and thus braced, look with confidence to the young fellow coming up: 1955.

Any attempt at listing the feature events of 1954 in Appomattox would have to name the prolonged drought extending from early summer into late fall. Weeks on weeks and months on months saw virtually no rain, and the plight of crops became the second feature of the year, and that would be the visit of Hurricane Hazel. Forewarned to batten down, local people suffered a minimum of actual damage. But it was top news for a hurricane to visit this inland area.

A third item of note for the record of 1954, was the tremendous school building project undertaken here. There were two items: construction of a physical education plant and gymnasium at Appomattox High School at a cost of over $100,000, and construction of a new elementary school. This last was the vaster project. Located on a new site at the western extreme of the town and slated to accomodate elementary school needs for some years to come, this project got under way amidst a general period of uncertainty in school construction in Virginia. The gymnasium has been completed and is in use and will be dedicated shortly. The new elementary school will be ready for use for the school session beginning in September.

In recent years, Appomattox has developed as an industrial payroll community. The year 1954 was marked by the addition of one new garment payroll as a new plant got into operation on the outskirts of town. Meanwhile, two established garment payrolls maintained peak operations, and the community was able to find top employment opportunities for a large segment of its population.

A feature of the year was the wells and livestock became an item of major concern. Yet, by coincidence, the breaking of the drought remodeling and expansion of a number of established businesses. Typical of this phase of the growth of the community was the enlargement and remodeling of Spencer's Drug Store and remodeling of the C. S. Jenkins Department Store. Among the new firms, Simpson's Food Market won public favor.

Most encouraging was the fact of steady increase of bank deposits during the year. The two banks in Appomattox are now well over the four million dollar figure in total deposits and are showing flourishing condition.

As livestock production has moved into a major category in local economy, the various businesses associated with supplying the needs of farmers could look back upon 1954 with satisfaction, in the light of the sizeable volume of sales of equipment and supplies, and of continued demand. Sale of raw manufacturers milk and trucking of Grade A milk stepped up in 1954 to gain a prime position in the overall economy of the rural area, while production of beef cattle survived a price adjustment and but for the drought and threatened shortage of feed might have counted itself as the top economic development of the year.

Another top economic asset to the community, Transcontinental Natural Gas Pipe Line, had a year of progress, with indications that additions to the line capacity may bring a boom in 1955.

The building industry had an excellent year in and around Appomattox. New housing projects keep all labor in that field occupied. And there was no sign of a let-up at the year's end.

Demonstration Club Schedule

The following schedule has been announced for home demonstration club meetings next week:

Monday, Jan. 3.- Richwood Home Demonstration Club will meet at 7:30 P. M. with Mrs. E. Carter Martin and Mrs. Fred Wooldridge will give the demonstration.

Tuesday, Jan. 4.- The Lee Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2 P. M. with Mrs. Robert Mitchell. Mrs. D. M. Wood and Mrs. H. P. Woodson will give the demonstration.

Wednesday, Jan. 5.- Glendale Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2 P. M. with Mrs. Sam Megginson. Mrs. E. W. Marshall and Mrs. F. J. Nash will give the demonstration.

Thursday, Jan. 6.- The Federation Goal Leaders will meet at 1:30 P. M. at the home agent's office. Dr. Fessler, V. P. I., will meet with the group and assist in planning the Federation Goal program for 1955.

Thursday, Jan. 6.- Rocks Home Demonstration Club will meet at 7:30 P .M. with Mrs. J. H. Ranson. Mrs. Ranson will give the demonstration.

Friday, Jan. 7.- Miss Ruth Jamison, Home Furnishings Specialist, V. P. I., will be here for a special meeting on Refinishing Furniture. The demonstration will be held in the basement of the Baptist Church and will begin at 9:30 A. M.

Saturday, Jan. 8.- A special workshop on 4-H project work will be held in the home agent's office, with Miss Ruth Jamison, and will begin at 9:30 A. M.

Subject for demonstration at club meetings: "What's New in Nutrition," with emphasis on vegetable cookery.